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Woman raped on campus

Santa Ana police continue to investigate campus attack

By Sarah K. Cron
el Don News Editor

SANTA ANA - A 26-year-old woman was allegedly raped by an unidentified man who dragged her onto the RSC campus in the early morning hours, Feb. 13, shortly after leaving a local residential party.

Both the victim and her assailant left the party, apparently drunk, around 2 a.m. and walked toward

Ward Field, said J.R. Johnson, chief of district safety.

When the woman tried to leave, the man dragged her to the bleachers by the track where he reportedly raped her.

Johnson said the woman left the party highly intoxicated with a man she had met there, who was also drunk.

"She set herself up bad," said Johnson. "There was a lack of

responsibility on both parties."

After raping her by the bleachers, the man then forced her across the street to Honer Plaza where he raped her again and then let her go, said Johnson.

The woman, searching for help, made her way back to the college where security officers Robert Ritchie and Hermando Harvey called the Santa Ana Police Department.

After the police arrived, the woman was taken to a local hospital for treatment and questioning.

According to Johnson, the victim said she saw an RSC

safety officer by the track area during the first rape, but did not scream for fear of her safety.

Vivian Blevins, RSC chancellor, said these incidents are unfortunate but added that security did the best they could do.

"I regret that it happened," Blevins said. "It's not something anyone would want."

However, "We can't control every person who comes onto the campus," she said.

Both Blevins and Johnson agreed that it is next to impossible to have full-time surveillance of the campus.

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Job Analysis:

A.A. degree recipients lag in job market

■ Students with a 2-year education find fewer career opportunities

By Karla Dudich
el Don Staff Writer

Community college graduates are finding the current job market saturated with high school-educated employees and workers with a bachelor's degree, leaving associates degree recipients not in the middle, but at the bottom of the job market.

Although the higher the degree the more money can be made, the way the current job market is geared, those with higher or lesser education are dominating the American work force.

The top 50 jobs with the largest absolute growth potential through the year 2000 are dominated by occupations requiring only a high school diploma. A mere seven of the top 50 occupations, accumulated by California Projections of Employment, are jobs where employees must have an A.A. degree or equivalent,

while 12 of the positions are held by bachelor's degree owners.

The remaining 31 occupations with the highest growth are filled by high school graduates with little or no further schooling.

However, prominent jobs do exist for students with A.A. degrees.

The U.S. Department of Labor found that accountants, dental hygienists, laser technicians, physician's assistants and legal secretaries are among some of the jobs that require a two-year degree and have "very high employment potential."

And workers with A.A. degrees earn more money than employees with less education.

Wages for registered nurses and general managers with two-year degrees can top out at \$35.12 per hour while janitors and food preparation workers with only a high school education can expect to earn up to \$17.50 per hour.

To obtain an A.A. degree, students must complete at least 60 total units of a chosen major and general education.

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Health Update

By Torsha Weathers
el Don Staff Writer

If the pesky flu bug has bitten you this season and you don't know where to turn, there are several ways to squash it before it takes total control of your body, health officials say.

Kham Lasamay, an RSC student, said he experienced a loss of concentration when he came down with what he thought was the flu in August.

"I couldn't focus on what I was doing. I couldn't talk right. I couldn't study. It bothered me," he said.

RSC student Irma Morales said the flu took its

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Flu BLUES

Students are trying to cope with that night-time, sniffing, coughing, aching, stuffy head, fever bug

■ CAMPUS NEWS

Briefly

A Little Less Parking...

During this week, most of parking lot number 9 (adjacent to the tennis courts at the southwest corner of the Santa Ana campus) is unavailable for parking. The school has closed this section in order to accommodate a staging area for the relocatable classrooms. Also, beginning March 4, lot number 10 (south of Johnson Center) will be closed until the completion of the new Business/Computer Building.

El Don Takes Second

El Don placed second in both overall page design and news coverage in the Associated Collegiate Press National Newspaper Best of Show contest held in Marina del Rey, Feb. 19. The winning entry was submitted from an issue of el Don that was circulated on Nov. 11, 1994.

Break A Leg

Auditions for street announcers for the 90th Annual Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade will be held May 9 at Huntington Beach Mall in the Mervyns wing from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Auditioners do not need to be residents of Huntington Beach. For more information, call Carole Ann Wall at (714) 960-4675.

Find Common Ground

Risk Management Services is sponsoring a training program in mediation. The training is designed to help people avoid, deal with, and prevent conflict. The sessions will be held at various times during March and April. Class size is limited to 50 participants. To register, look for a lilac-colored registration form that is being circulated on campus or call Risk Management at 564-6075.

Manage Your Money

RSC Community Services is sponsoring "Successful Money Management" seminars. The seminars will be held on consecutive Thursdays from March 3-17 at Villa Park High School. Another group of seminars will be held on Tuesdays beginning March 8 and continuing through the month at El Modena High School. To register or for further information, call (714) 564-6220.

Compiled by Daryn Lee

Editor's note: In a sidebar story last week about financial aid, it was mentioned that students with visas may be eligible for state and federal funds. It was in error. In fact, only legal residents may receive aid.

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took its toll on her earlier this season.

"It was in December. I had a stuffy nose, my chest hurt, (I had) headaches, and I had a runny nose. Because of it, I didn't do a lot of (school) work," she said.

Arlene Warco, a nurse in the RSC Health Center at the Santa Ana campus, said she saw early signs of "the general run-of-the-mill flu" as early as October.

So far, a few hundred students have visited the Health Center this year with flu symptoms including fever, headaches, fatigue, coughing, congestion, vomiting, nausea, diarrhea and body aches. "That (body aches) is what really differentiates the flu versus a cold. When you have a head cold, you're usually just congested and stuffy in your head. This flu seemed to create a terrible headache. Students came in complaining that it felt like something was pounding them on the head," she said.

Although many students are busy going to school and working, they also need to take time to eat healthy foods to prevent the flu, said Warco.

"A lot of students don't understand that their immune system is linked to their nutrition. Young people are rushing around and they don't eat properly. That opens the door to illness," she said.

Students with the flu should take aspirin to alleviate the fever, headaches and pain. It is also necessary to get plenty of rest when fatigued and to take cold medicine for coughing and congestion. They should also drink plenty of fluids, according to Warco.

The Health Center offers a variety of cold remedies to students including throat loz-



Hector Martinez / el Don Photo

SAY "AAHH"

Dr. Marianne Hollander, a staff physician in the Health and Wellness Center on the Santa Ana campus examines T. Barganiev, an RSC student.

enges, cough syrup, Dimetapp, Sudafed, and Co-Advil.

The services are paid by the \$10 health fee and require no reservations.

People with diabetes, asthma or a history of bronchitis should consider getting a flu shot.

The elderly, infants, and young children should also get shots, said Warco.

Warco said there is a large variety of flus and a flu shot prevents only the most common strains.

The current strains are Beijing A, Texas A, and Panama B according to the Orange County Health Care Agency.

The agency offers free flu immunizations for people over 60 and adults and children with chronic medical problems.

Any student who doesn't meet these qualifications can receive the shot at a community clinic for about \$5 according to Mary Wright, the immunization coordinator at the agency.

Flu cases for this year are expected to taper off sometime in May, Warco said.

Health officials say 10 to 20 percent of the population will be infected by influenza virus

By Diana Smith

From College Press Service

College students heeded warnings from health professionals and turned out in droves at campus health centers to be vaccinated against a nasty strain of influenza that's making the rounds.

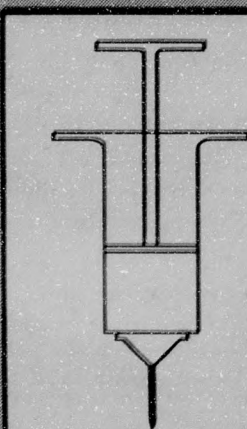
In mid-October, health officials at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania ran out of vaccine because of high demand for free flu shots and had to order another supply.

The flu season generally runs from November to March, health officials say.

"As a direct response to the large number of students unable to get flu shots, we have instituted this action," said Rhonda Luckey, director of administrative services at the Pechan Health Center in Pennsylvania.

Although the best time for vaccination was at the start of flu season in October, anybody can still get flu shots. Some university clinics offer the shots for free, although others may charge small fees. If the campus clinic is not offering the shots, check with local county or city health clinics or hospitals to find out how much they charge for the service.

There's a good reason for fear



"When this type of virus, which has been circulating since 1968, has been the epidemic strain, we have seen a more severe impact on older people and a higher death rate among the elderly"

Nancy Arden,
Chief of Influenza
Epidemiology Activity

of flu. Influenza can be dangerous, particularly for the elderly and for all ages with existing lung problems, heart disease, asthma or diabetes, because it can lead to pneumonia. It can also be very inconvenient during finals when students may need to be up all night studying, not hugging a bottle of medicine.

This strain is the Beijing A virus, which is one of three influenza viruses in worldwide circulation, according to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

"When this type of virus, which has been circulating since 1968, has been the epidemic strain, we have seen a more severe impact on older people and a higher death rate among the elderly," said Nancy Arden, chief of Influenza Epidemiology Activity.

That doesn't necessarily mean that the flu season this year is expected to be worse than in other years, CDC health officials note. But they warn that 10 to 20 percent of the population is expected to be infected with the influenza viruses that cause the flu.

That's bad, but not nearly as bad as the worldwide influenza outbreak of 1918, which eventually left more than 20 million people dead - 548,000 in the United States alone.

The current vaccine contains virus strains of three distinct groups of influenza viruses in worldwide circulation. When a person is vaccinated, a small dosage of the virus prompts the body to build up an immunity to the illness and prevents the virus from attacking, at least for a year's time.

At Hofstra University in

Hempstead, N.Y., students reported more cold and flu symptoms earlier than usual this year, health officials said.

"We might be experiencing an earlier flu epidemic this year," said Dr. H. Zane Kirk, medical director at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Kirk also warned that students who receive flu shots last year won't be protected this year. Some of the common symptoms are nausea, headaches, fever, chills, congestion, sneezing, coughing, body or muscle aches.

If you do catch a cold or the flu, Dr. Jamie Weiner of Hofstra's Community Health Program advised students it was best to treat one major symptom at a time rather than buying over-the-counter medicine that treats multiple symptoms.

RAPE:

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"For us to have security at every station throughout the campus, especially on Sunday in the middle of the morning, the cost would be prohibitive," Blevins said.

"They just can't be everywhere on campus," said Johnson. "It's impossible to see everybody on campus especially that early in the morning."

One SAPD source, who refused to be named, stressed that women must take precautions when in unfamiliar surroundings, especially when it is dark.

"Women have to be aware of their surroundings and who they are with," said the source. "Going out in a drunken condition places yourself in jeopardy."

According to Johnson, this has been the only confirmed on campus rape in the past three years. However, neither the victim nor the attacker were associated with the college in any way.

Not including this incident, only two attempted rapes on campus have been reported since 1991.

The SAPD officer in charge of this case refused to comment because the case is still under investigation.

Graduate hiring jumps one percent

In addition to job increases, starting salaries are expected to be higher

By Jennifer Burgess
From College Press Service

For new college graduates now may be the time to update their resumes and interview clothes: there are plenty of jobs out there for the taking.

But then again, perhaps you should make plans to move back home and leech off Mom and Dad until the job outlook improves.

Are there jobs out there? It depends on whom you want to believe.

The bright news: an increase in hiring is projected in 1994 for new college graduates, according to the 23rd annual edition of Recruiting Trends, a Michigan State University report.

The bad news: the outlook is bleak and recent graduates are

going to face stiff competition for jobs, according to the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupation Outlook Quarterly.

The more re-assuring survey for graduates, which was researched by Michigan State, reported a 1.1 percent increase in hiring over last year. This is the first increase projected in the past five years.

In addition to an increase in jobs, starting salaries are expected to be 0.4 percent higher than last year, Recruiting Trends said.

The highest anticipated increases are for majors in chemistry, computer science, industrial, civil and mechanical engineering, mathematics and accounting.

According to the Research Trends survey, several fields are emerging with vast opportunities for employment.

Among the rising occupations reported by the surveyed companies are computer-related fields, business systems analysts, environmental engineers and scientists, health care and medical specialists, and communications and multimedia specialists.

The highest starting salaries for graduates with bachelor's degrees are chemical engineering majors at \$40,300. The results are based on the responses of 4,600 employers in industry and government agencies.

When asked what advice the employers have for recent college graduates, the most frequent response was to have realistic expectations.

"Get in touch with reality; reduce your 'hat size,'" the Michigan State survey said. "New graduates cannot demonstrate that they are overqualified for a job until they try it on for size."

Employers also said that if you get a new job and it's not what you expected, don't worry. Most companies reported that they don't

expect to hire a college graduate and have that person be with the company for a lifetime. There is so much change happening in the workplace that most companies cannot guarantee lifetime employment.

"The expectation for an individual to 'marry' an organization is no longer the norm," the survey said.

Employers recommend starting at an entry-level position. "Get started in an organization that offers a career ladder and produce outstanding results," the survey said. "Promotions will come later."

If you have a job, that is.

"Employment projection for the 1990-2005 period indicate that the average annual openings in jobs requiring a degree will number fewer than during the 1984-1990 period," wrote economist Kristina J. Shelley in the Quarterly.

Work experience will become as important because of the growing number of graduates with bachelor's degrees forcing them to compete for fewer jobs, she said.

Biology students are 'engrossed' in human anatomy

RSC offers only human dissection course in state

By Maria Ana Larios
el Don Staff Writer

SANTA ANA - RSC students are dying to enroll in the Gross Human Anatomy course with human dissections, the only one of its kind in California community colleges.

Pat Mansfield, who has a Ph.D. in Biology and taught this program to chiropractors and pre-medical students at the Cleveland Chiropractor's College in Los Angeles, currently instructs this program at Rancho.

Mansfield said that RSC is very lucky to be the only community college to offer a dissection course throughout California.

"This is a very specialized and advanced course," she said.

However, only two cadavers are available for the course. Mansfield said the main reason for the lack of cadavers is because not enough dissections are done.

The cadavers are kept in well-controlled refrigeration storage rooms in the Science Building. Preservatives keep the cadavers fresh for the students to make their dissections. When they aren't in use, they are kept in two refrigeration units or "slabs," shelves that fold out for the bodies to lay on.

"This course is what the first-year medical students learn. Getting prestige from taking this course before applying to medical school will improve your chances," said Sophia Cortez, a biology major.

With respect toward the instructor, she said,

"Mansfield is tremendous and is the best teacher. She has a lot of faith in her students...she allows them to study in their own way of learning, making them more responsible."

When the students are through with the entire year and a half program, the bodies are either cremated or in some cases, sent to family members for the burial ceremony with a closed casket.

Michelle Lopez, a neurologist major, said she enjoyed the course because it is comparable to those found in medical schools.

According to Lopez, the program offers a real "hands-on experience" by dissecting all parts of the human body. She also "loves being exposed to fascinating muscles in the cadaver."

The dissecting of cadavers is an extra course that enhances the requirements for pre-medical students.

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Penciled in

By Thomas Mazzone
el Don Staff Writer

*RSC student displays her
sketched reflections of black
history pioneers*

Black History Month has quietly come to a close, with numerous events organized on campus ranging from art to a talent show. The last scheduled events for February's Black History Month were a barbecue and a reggae concert at the Santa Ana campus Monday, followed by guest speaker, historian/author, Legrand Clegg, who spoke about Afrocentrism in the Johnson Center.

The lone art contributor on the Santa Ana campus (there are no displays on the Orange campus) was RSC student Gioconda Miller, who arranged "Pioneers in Black History." The artwork is a compilation of sketches depicting black pioneers and brief descriptions of each, featuring the likes of entertainer Josephine Baker and inventor Elijah McCoy. It is located in the center of the library.

"It should reflect the positive aspects of key black contributors of American culture," said Miller, responding to the "Black Is More Than Just Color" theme.

Miller, who holds a degree in graphic design at the Art Institute in Atlanta, has previously had her sketches displayed on television programs such as Black Historian Minutes on CNN Headline News, and Superstation TBS.

"It's wrong that the display of Mr. Velasquez's ruined art work is displayed in the front of the library, it's sad what happened to him, but they could have put that up at any time. Black History Month is only in February," said an RSC librarian, who wished to remain anonymous.

"No one contacted me about putting up any displays until two weeks before the event started, by then I had already committed to John Velasquez," said Leah



More than a color

Artist Gioconda Miller shows her works of black historical figures (above) and puts some final touches on a poster (below).

Photos by E.J. Campbell / el Don



Heidenrich, who is in charge of the displays in the library.

"It's really too bad there was a lack of awareness because this is a great opportunity to showcase some key people and events, but it shouldn't overshadow the true message of Black Awareness Month," said Miller.

Next, Miller hopes to jump into the medical field of 3-D graphic arts, where she'll be able to assist doctors in the visual explanation of surgical procedures to patients.

Miller concluded, "I want people to know when they buy a Miller, they've made a good investment."

Photo and text
by Gina Reidinger
el Don Staff Writer

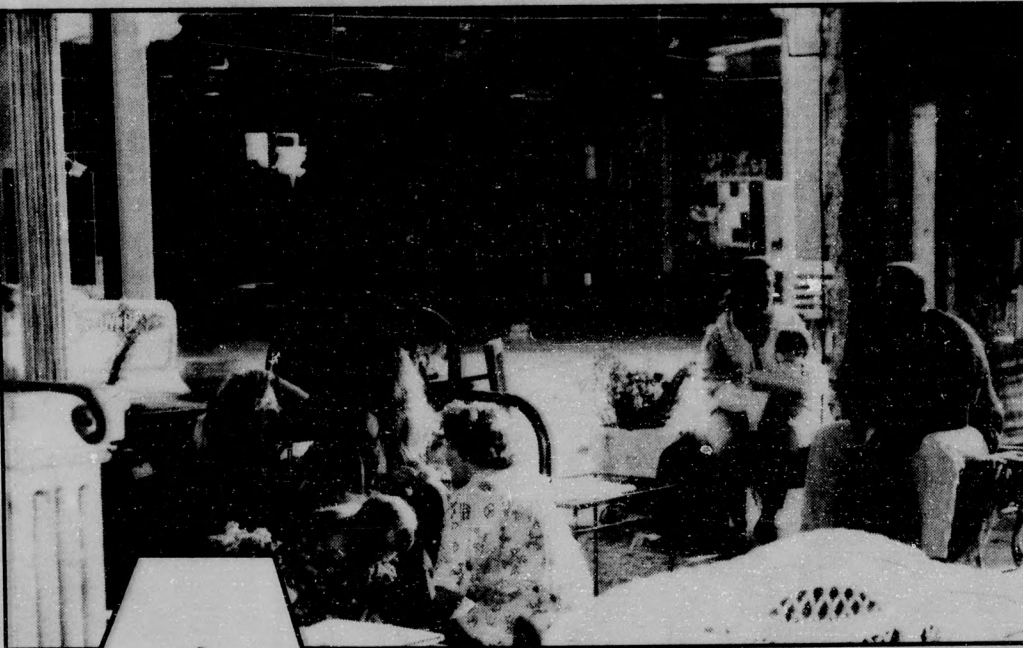
There is an experiment being conducted behind the "Orange Curtain," and the hypothesis is that a scorned group of subjects labeled as Generation X will finally find a worthy home.

Behold the Lab, a 40,000-square-foot cornucopia of cool - an unusual detail for retail. Coined by its founder, Shaheen Sadeghi, as an "anti-mall," this new fashion scene caters to an anti-establishment, non-conformist lot who reject society's pre-ordained elitist image. It's focus is alternative, both in choice and trend.

Housed in a former factory in Costa Mesa, the Lab was gutted and extensively remodeled with heavy use of the original structure. Exposed brick, concrete and metal piping embellish the crude walls which are adorned with old wood and other rustic scrap. Green reeds reaching toward the sunlight explode out of strategically placed cracks in the pavement. A waterfall cascading over stacked, antiquated oil drums looms peacefully in the corner.

A darkened walkway features small, dramatic altars displaying statues and other esoteric paraphernalia. Chunky English inspired work boots, dried flowers and old wood are fashioned creatively on a wall. Yes, this place is environmentally friendly, and it's outdoors!

The courtyard is the heart of the center. Up-and-coming bands rock daily on center stage. The audience lounges casually on antique furnishings that surround a worn Oriental rug, the entire scene reminiscent of a gaudy but comfortable living room. The music style focuses on blues, jazz and



ANTI-mall

A new non-conformist, alternative outlet finds itself in the middle of scene-free Orange County

acoustic folk music. Ultra-hip urbanites sip free coffee and play pool on a table constructed from crude yellow metal fragments.

Aside from featuring live music and a working gallery for local artisans, the Lab plans to show both foreign and art films. Additionally, people can look forward to live poetry readings. The courtyard already boasts a psychic available for palm readings and astrological forecasts.

Vanessa Wauvithus, manager of the Lab store said, "The center's founder wanted to create a place where people could come in, participate and have fun without the rushed feeling and parking hassles of a shopping mall. The whole feel of this place is comfortable. We wanted a relaxed atmosphere where people can hang out, listen to music, have coffee and look inough the stores."

Frustrated thrift-store enthusiasts famous

for sporting the "grunge" look, now have a one-stop shop. Stores such as Urban Outfitters, NaNa (once the largest supplier of Dr. Marten shoes) and the Lab store feature the latest in work boots and utilitarian style clothing. The Bead Co. sells thousands of beads, shells and semi-precious stones. Jewelry making classes are also available here. Avant-garde furniture designed by Bungalow and featured in the courtyard is available for purchase. Taxi-Taxi opens soon spotlighting vintage clothing. Philosophy of Comfort, an upper scale women's clothing shop is scheduled to appear within weeks. Collector's Library, specializing in comic books, is now open. A children's shop has also signed on. The Tower Records Alternative store is now thriving and the highly anticipated Gypsy Den coffee house will open its doors this week. Future merchants include two restaurants and a hair salon. The Lab's grand opening is scheduled for March 5.

Clothing prices at the various stores range from \$9.99 for a flannel shirt to \$200 for a pair of NaNa's most expensive custom work boots.

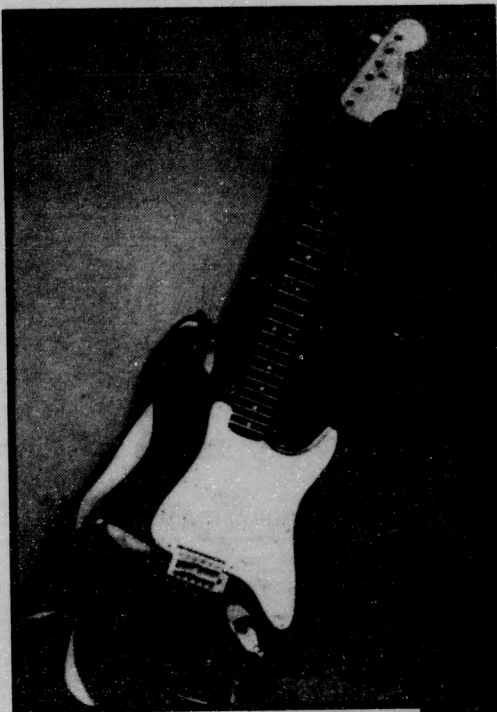
"That's a lot of boot for your buck," said NaNa's Assistant Manager, Seana Zimmer.

"I love it, it's killer. It's definitely alternative," said customer Dan Sullivan.

Like him, the new bohemians who hang out here can rectify your fashion faux-pas in an environment that nourishes creativity and change. It's about time the winds of change finally blew through Orange County.

The Lab is located at 2930 Bristol St., Costa Mesa. Hours are Mon.- Sat. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sun. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A Slice of O.C.



ON STAGE

ST. PAT'S PREVIEW
Get a jump on St. Patrick's Day and go see *Caislean* perform traditional Scottish and Irish music at the San Juan Capistrano Regional Library on Friday, March 11 at 7 and 9 p.m. Seating is limited. Admission is \$3 at the door. Call (714) 493-1752 for more info.

ART

MUSICAL HISTORY
Stop by the Fullerton Museum Center and discover how the electric guitar got its start. "Five Decades of Fender: The Sound Heard Around the World," focuses on the late Leo Fender, who perfected the electric guitar. Call the Fullerton Museum Center at (714) 738-6545 for more info.

THEATRE

LOVE STORY
The RSC Theatre Arts Department premieres their adaptation of the Broadway hit "West Side Story" at Phillips Hall Friday, March 11 at 8 p.m. The show runs through March 20. General admission tickets are \$12; students, seniors, children and RSC staff is \$10. Call the box office at (714) 564-5661 for more info.



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LAUGHS

IMPROV NIGHT
Comedian Jeff Jena will headline the second annual charity event at The Improv in Irvine on Monday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 each. Call The Improv for more information.

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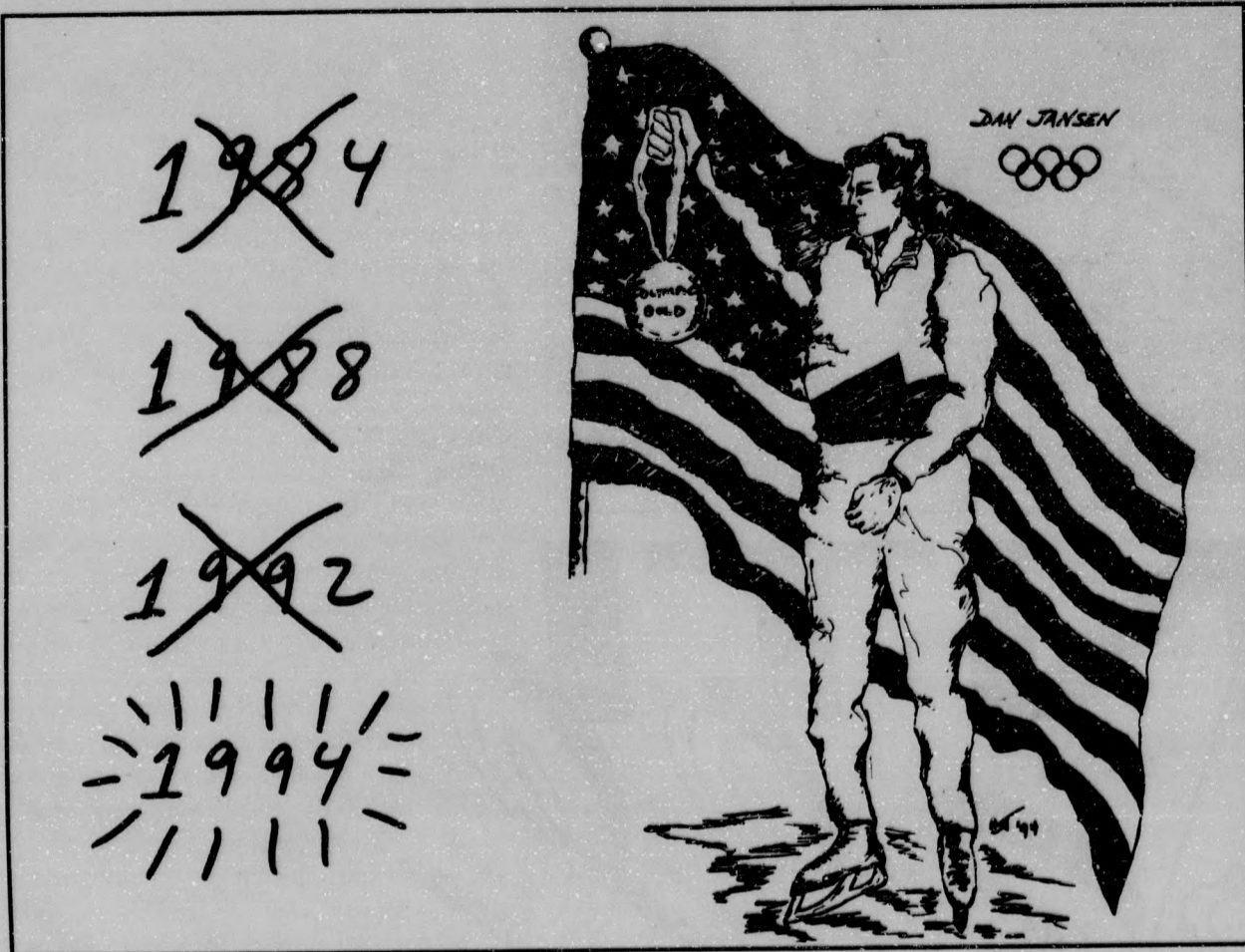
ROOT OF ALL EVIL
Michael J. Fox and Kirk Douglas star in "Greedy" a devilish comedy about relatives scheming for their rich uncle's fortune. Opens Friday.

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RANCHO SANTIAGO COLLEGE el Don

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Editorials

Hey Dan, you going to Disneyland?

Dan Jansen went from being one of the biggest chokes in sporting history to becoming one of the world's biggest heroes.

Many of us remember the 1988 Winter Olympics during which Jansen careened into the stands on one race, and slid into a skater during the other. He almost repeated eating the ice this year at the 500m when he slipped but recovered.

After taking the big donut in his first three Winter Olympics, Jansen won a gold medal in the 1000m speed skating event, which he wasn't even favored to win. Either one of Jansen's 500m split times in the world record-breaking race would have won him the gold medal in the 500m.

It was understandable why Jansen didn't skate well at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary since his sister had died the night before his event. But to not win or even place at the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, that was hard to accept. If he would have come away empty-handed this Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Jansen would have to have been put in the same league as the Buffalo Bills.

For Jansen, the fourth time really was a charm.

When he grabbed his nine-month old daughter Jane, named after his deceased sister, it had to bring a tear to every American eye. And to see the joy on his wife's face as she was yelling "Yes, finally!" made millions rejoice that he had finally won. Even the Norwegian announcers were yelling and pulling for Jansen as he crossed the finish line.

Jansen will probably make the late-night talk show circuit when he gets home. He'll be on the cover of Sports Illustrated and have endorsement proposals up to his neck. After all the ups and downs Jansen has been through, we think he deserves all the publicity and adulation he can get. Jansen can now put the past to rest and move on with his life.

Dan Jansen truly has achieved the American dream. Congratulations!

American...every month of the year

February, if you didn't know, was Black History Month. Although we feel that a national effort toward reflection of Americans of African descent and their contributions toward the formation of this country is well deserved, we feel the concept is lacking in two respects.

First, why only sensationalize Black History Month? There are other American cultural awareness observations throughout the calendar year, but none are as recognized or given media attention as much as Black History Month. Why is this so? Are Americans of Mexican, Asian, or European descent not as important as those of African descent? Have they not put in their "fair share" toward founding and developing this country?

Secondly, why have only a month to focus on Black History, or any kind of culture for that matter. Shouldn't we, the great "melting pot" of nations, learn about and celebrate all of America's cultures and nationalities that have contributed to and make up the United States.

In summary, celebrate being American, and the rich diversity of culture that is its hallmark. The whole is definitely greater than the sum of the parts.



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Random notes from Jason Reed...

A gay and lesbian support group has been formed by students at Huntington Beach High School. The group is similar to one formed recently by students at Fountain Valley High School.

One controversial aspect of the implementation of the group is that the students will be meeting after-hours on the school's campus. Since the group will cater primarily to gays and lesbians, there will likely be a segment of the community who disapproves of the use of a public school as the club's meeting place. Although my heart bleeds for these people, (and their values) I wonder how opposed they are to Bible clubs, chess clubs or other more "acceptable" groups for young, influenceable high school kids?

So they're gay, big frickin' deal. Snap out of it.

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I've never been one to sing the praises of law enforcement. In fact, I don't really like cops. I normally pride myself on my open-mindedness, but this blurb of prejudicial thought has somehow stuck to me. I understand that a few rotten apples don't necessarily spoil the bunch, but in my first-hand experience, I've come across more egotistical, demanding, control freaks than caring, compassionate, friendly public servants. I may feel this way because I am an egotistical, demanding person. But then again, maybe not. Even with this self-professed, semi-hate thing going, I do hold a certain degree of respect for officers of the law. I recognize that they must live with the fact that each call they respond to may be the last. Living with that could not be easy.

It all boils down to this: we

are a society governed by rules and regulations. We may argue about where to draw the lines between acceptable and non-acceptable behavior, but the rules must remain. As much as I would hope that we could live peacefully, I am a realist. Sometimes people really suck; they do stupid and heartless things.

Sometimes they kill cops.

About two weeks ago, a guy walked into a hotel conference room where a group of cops were meeting, then blew two away. Last week, a speed-freak teenager killed his dad and when the police arrive, he opened fire on them, killing a rookie officer. Not too long ago, we were shocked by the news that an Orange County Sheriff's Department deputy was shot by a fellow Sheriff's deputy during an informal training session behind a mall.

I can't understand what's going on. Are people really that psycho? This trend is beginning to slightly scare the hell out of me.

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I really don't want to dwell on this cop thing, but there's something else that's been bugging me recently.

I drive to school via the 22 freeway. I have noticed, that with increasing regularity, California Highway Patrol officers are playing a game. I call it the "I'm gonna git you sucka" game.

The boys (and girls) sporting the blue bow ties stand, with hands on hips and give you *such a look*. It's the look that says "Don't be naughty now. We drive in the proper lane don't we?"

This seems like a terrible waste of resources to me. I don't know what else the Chippies would be doing, but there's a great coffee shop a couple of blocks north of the 22 on Glassell.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Fri. Feb. 18 **Next Game:**
RSC 88 Wed. March 2
Orange Coast 83 at Ventura
7 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Fri. Feb. 18 **Next Game:**
RSC 56 End
Orange Coast 70 of
Season

BASEBALL

Tues. Feb. 22 **Next Game:**
RSC 12 Today
Rio Hondo 11 at SD City
Noon

SOFTBALL

Thurs. Feb. 24 **Next Game:**
Pasadena 0 Wed. March 2
RSC 1 at Irvine Vly.
3 p.m.

STANDINGS BASKETBALL

Orange Empire Conference

TEAM	LEAGUE		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Saddleback	12	2	26	6
Riverside	12	2	24	6
Fullerton	8	6	23	10
RSC	8	6	20	11
IVC	6	8	18	14
Cypress	6	8	15	18
OCC	3	11	13	16
G. West	1	13	8	22

RCC's Williams out for season

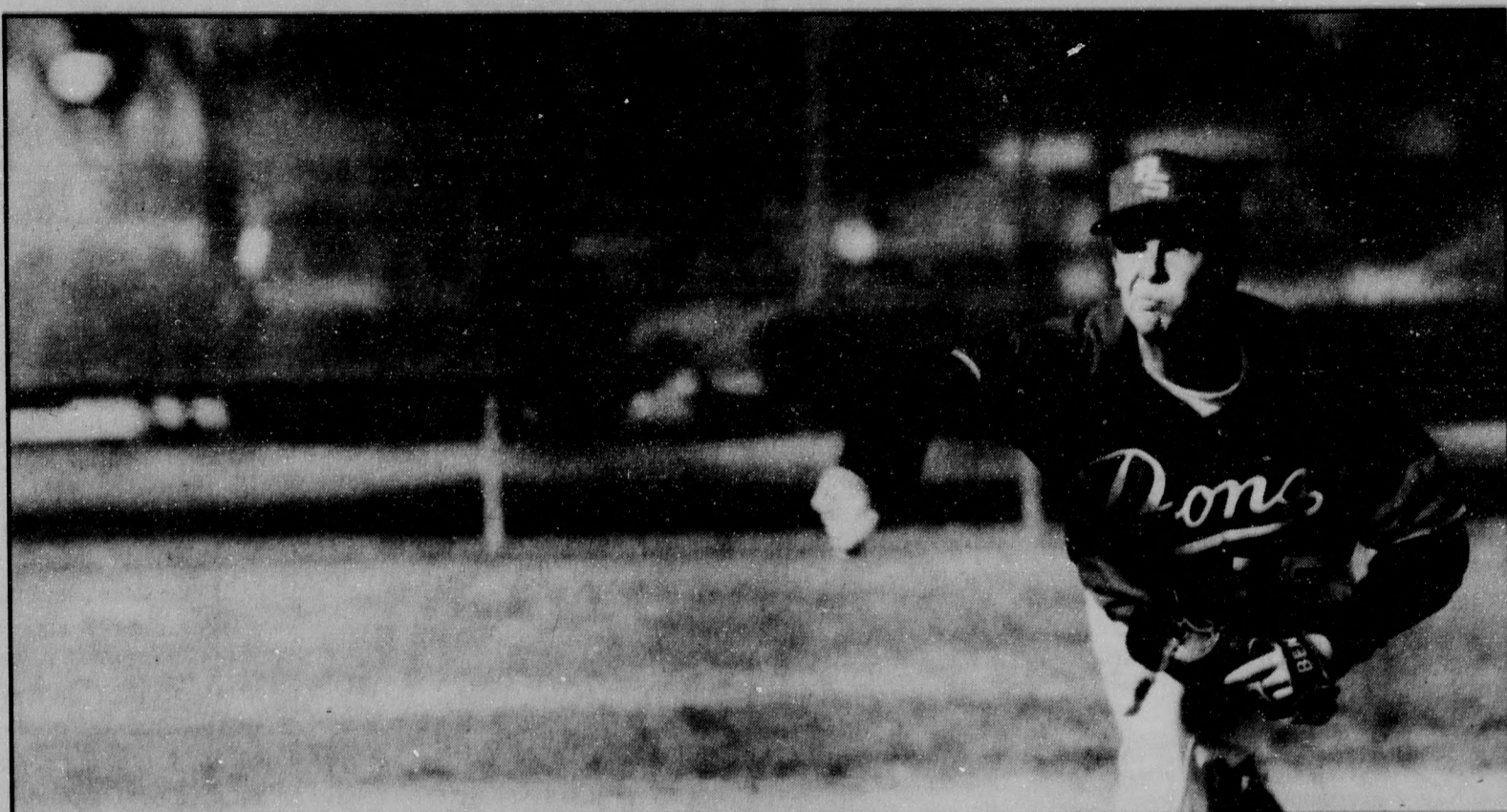
In a scary moment during RSC's double overtime loss to Riverside Community College Wednesday, Feb. 16, RCC's highly recruited freshman guard Kevin Williams had the entire gym holding their breath when he took a possible career ending fall on a fast break lay up.

Williams went up strong on a break away lay up, not knowing RSC's Matt Kordik was closing fast to defend the uncontested goal. Kordik got the block but Williams momentum sent him reeling out of bounds and down hard to the floor. There was no foul called by the referee and play continued.

There was obvious disgust on the RCC bench for the no-call. Taking all precautionary measures William's neck was placed in a cervical collar and was then strapped to a back brace. He was slowly walked out on a gurney by paramedics.

Williams was then taken to Western Medical Center where he was admitted and diagnosed with Brachial Flexor tear, meaning damage to spinal nerve tissue. He was released from the hospital the weekend after the game.

"Kevin goes to physical therapy a few times a week and is starting to regain movement in his hands," said Robert Schindt of RCC's Public Relations Department.



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IN THE GROOVE

RSC pitcher Donny Mays (15) fires the ball during the game against Rio Hondo last Tuesday. Rancho won the game 12-11.

Dons rally past Rio Hondo

Ward and Gonzalez lead RSC, Rewald shuts down Roadrunners' bats

By Mark A. Peinado
el Don Sports Editor

RSC BASEBALL COMPLEX - The Dons had to look deep inside themselves last Tuesday, to see if they had the heart to comeback from a six-run deficit, to a much lesser opponent in Rio Hondo College.

RSC trailed 11-5 going into the bottom half of the seventh, when the Dons began their comeback.

Shortstop Keith Cowley led the seventh off with a base hit, first baseman Daryle

Ward walked and catcher Raul Gonzalez tripled both of them in. RSC trailed 11-7.

Right fielder Brian Carlson started the bottom of the eighth with a walk. Center fielder Matt Kastelic lined out. Cowley hit a dribbler up the first base line that he beat out for an infield hit. Ward came up and singled in Carlson making the score 11-8 with runners at first and third. Gonzalez doubled in Cowley; the Dons now trailed 11-9.

With runners at second and third, Rio Hondo brought in a new pitcher, Oscar Baranjo. Baranjo walked left fielder Jason Minici. With the bases loaded, designated hitter Jamie Estrada grounded into a force play scoring Ward. RSC now trailed by one, 11-10. Third Baseman Brian Martineau popped up for the third out.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, second

baseman David Mallas began the Dons' final rally with a double. Carlson struckout. Rio Hondo brought in another pitcher, Matt Dropulic, who threw a wild pitch advancing Mallas to third. That brought up Kastelic.

Kastelic cracked a triple near the center field fence bringing in Mallas and tying the score 11-11. Cowley walked, putting runners at first and third. The next batter was Ward, who hit a rocket over the right fielder's head giving RSC the 12-11 victory.

Steve Rewald, who came in to pitch for the Dons in the eighth inning, mowed down the Roadrunners striking out two, walking one, giving up no hits and no runs to get the win.

RSC improved their record to 10-2. The Dons next game is today against San Diego City College. Game time is 2 p.m.

OCC sinks Rancho, 70-56

A.G. Vargas
el Don Staff Writer

BILL COOK GYM- In their last Orange Empire Conference game of the year, the Lady Dons lost to the Orange Coast Lady Pirates 70-56, closing their hopes for a sole league victory.

RSC came out ready to play in their last game of the year and took the lead away from the Pirates in the first half. OCC came back in the last two minutes to take the lead at 37-29 going into the half.

Unlike their last game with Fullerton College, Rancho came out of the break prepared to play and shooting for a win. Sophomore Sonia Ramirez and freshman Cathy Hang worked on getting the team closer with three pointers, while Yamilda Olmedo and Candice Acosta stopped the Lady Pirates defensively.

With 3:45 left, Olmedo fouled out, giving Orange Coast the edge inside, clinching the victory.

Rancho was led by Olmedo with 13 points and nine rebounds. Acosta chipped in with 13 points and three rebounds.

Rancho's record was 0-12 in league and 3-20 overall.

"I hope the freshmen come back because they make a big jump between their freshmen and sophomore year," said Coach Myrond Brown.

The Flying Finn, Tanja Tilli

A.G. Vargas
el Don Staff Writer

Coming from a real cool place, the flying Finn, Tanja Tilli, lands at Rancho.

Tilli, a 21-year-old, 5'5" freshman, is one of the best female basketball players Rancho has to offer.

Tanja was born in Los Angeles and moved to the small town of Espoo, Finland at the age of three with her family. She returned to the United States at age 19 leaving her family and her way of life behind her.

As she went through her education in Finland, she learned to speak Swedish, Finnish and English.

"In the third grade I had an option of learning Swedish or Finnish. I chose Swedish and in seventh grade I had to take Finnish (school rules)," she said.

Along with her courses in the different languages, she picked up her love of competing in a variety of sports, such as running, basketball and participating in orienteering events.

"I depend on the experience that I have from playing in Finland to help me in my game here at RSC," she said.

"I have learned and improved my

ball handling skills with coach Brown," she said.

Along with her love of competitive sports, she works for her personal goals in academics and music. When she is not running around the court or studying, she enjoys playing the piano and writing letters to her friends in different countries.

Tanja now calls Orange, California her home and lives with close friends of the family. Living in Orange County, she has found a new love, "I love running on the beach," she said.

Along with the beach atmosphere, Tanja said, "I enjoy the year-round climate, the open-minded attitude of the people and the large number of different cultures in Southern California."

Tanja's long term goals include becoming an elementary school teacher and to someday get married and have a family.

"I would prefer to live in the United States but if I could have my way I would live in Finland for the summer months and live in California for the winter months. It's too cold in the winter months of Finland and I love the California climate," said Tanja.

No real RSC fans; Mike has no stick and keep one away from Tonya

■ I have been covering sports at Rancho Santiago for nearly two years now and the most glaring problem I see at this college is the lack of fan support.

I mean, we have the top-ranked collegiate baseball team in the United States and no one comes out to see them. I know this is a commuter school, but come on people, show some school spirit. We're the best in the U.S.!

Also, I know we don't have the greatest basketball team in the country but each game you get your money's worth. They're in the state basketball tournament and I'll bet my life savings that Compton had more fans at the game than RSC. And we're the home team!

■ The Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan saga is getting on my nerves. I thank God the figure skating competition ended Friday because if I hear one more Harding-Kerrigan story I'm going to bash both of their knees until they're unable to walk. I'm sick of it! If there is one good thing about staying in this newsroom all day and night everyday, is that I don't have to hear the hourly "Skategate" update from the local and national media.

You and I both know the story won't end because the Olympics are over, because Little Miss Tonya is going to try to postpone her meeting with the United States Olympic Committee until the fall, so she can compete in the 1994 World Championships.

Also, even though Nancy won the silver medal, she's still going to be all over the place because advertisers are going to want her to endorse anything and everything.

If there's one soap opera that should have been cancelled the minute it went into production, it's this one. Oh, that reminds me, there's going to be a zillion TV movies about this whole affair which makes me feel all warm and fuzzy inside.

■ So his Airness wants to try his hand at major league baseball. Well, from what I have seen so far, you're not a bad player for Rookie League standards. Get real Jordan, guys spend their whole lives trying to hit a baseball and the best they can do is hit .330. You haven't played baseball competitively since high school, that was 15 years ago.

Don't you wish Nolan Ryan could have stuck around just one more season? Wouldn't it have been great to see the old man throwing a 95mph fastball at Jordan's head. Welcome to the majors Mikey.

By the way Mike, I thought you wanted to get away from the limelight. Didn't you want to get away from the fans and media and try to spend time with your family? Also, Michael, I thought you wanted to be a professional golfer and join the PGA tour. It seems to me you miss all your adoring fans and talking to the media. Trying out with the Chicago White Sox has brought on more attention than when you were with the Bulls at last year's NBA Finals.

Mikey baby, I know why you're trying out for baseball, you're jealous of this year's Bulls' team. You can't take the fact that they might be better without you.

Don't worry Michael, I know when you're traveling on that bus from Nashville to Louisville, you'll want to be back in the NBA or say I can't cut being in the minors and head to the green to pursue that prestigious celebrity golf championship.

Dons devoured in double overtime

Three records fall in loss to Riverside,
Rancho plays Compton in state tourney

Bernie Sanders
el Don Staff Writer

BILL COOK GYM - In RSC's final home basketball game of the regular season, and by far the most exciting game of the year, the Dons encountered a grueling test as first place Riverside Community College defeated RSC in double overtime 136-125 on Feb. 16.

In the highest scoring game of the Orange Empire Conference this season, the Dons used every weapon they had to be a spoiler for RCC and knock them out of a first place tie with Saddleback.

Rancho definitely came with their game faces on, ending the first half with a 49-48 lead. But the Tigers would have none of that as they came storming back when All-American Daryle Flicking hit a three pointer with three seconds left in regulation to send the game into its first overtime 106-106.

Matt Kordik, hit a clutch leaner from the free-throw area to tie the game again at the end of the first overtime 117-117.

However, Riverside's bench was too deep as they outscored the Dons in the second overtime 19-8.

RCC scored the most points ever allowed in the history of RSC, 136. Another record that was broken was the combined total points scored in a game which was 256. The RCC/RSC game combined score was 261.

Sean Amos led RSC with 32 points, 10 of 14 from the free-throw line and 14 rebounds. Amos also set a single season free-throw record for RSC making 210 of 298. Kordik ended the game with 28 points. The Dons had seven of nine players in double figures. RSC also had four starters foul out.

A brief moment of silence came over the crowd when RCC freshman guard Kevin Williams came down hard after an attempted



Carlos Echegoyen / el Don Photo

ON THE MOVE

Dons' guard Michael Oliver (21) dribbles past a Pirates' defender during RSC's victory over OCC, 88-83.

lay up leaving him sprawled out on the floor. He left the game in a stretcher with a possible spinal injury.

RSC finished 20-11 tied for third with Fullerton College.

The Dons will enter the Southern California Regional's State Tournament seeded 16th. RSC's first-round game was played Saturday against Compton College.

Off The Record



By Mark Peinado

RANCHO SANTIAGO COLLEGE Athletes of the week

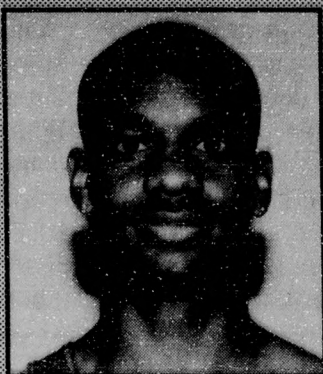
DONS

BASKETBALL

Pos./Yr.
Forward/Sophomore

Major: Undecided

Stats: had 32 points, 14 rebounds versus Riverside and 23 point against Orange Coast.



Sean Amos

LADY DONS

BASKETBALL

Pos./Yr.
Center/Freshman

Major: Psychology

Stats: had 13 points and nine rebounds in the Lady Dons loss to Orange Coast.



Yamilda Olmedo

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